

Labor in his statement yesterday that his heart is all with the garment strikers of Chicago and he wants them to win, came speeches today by C. G. Ammon and E. Bevin, fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union congress to the A. F. of L.

"We are with you," said Ammon in Hod Carriers' hall. "There isn't a trades unionist in England or Germany or America but wants to see you win. Your battle is the same as that of the working class the world over. Your victory or defeat is our victory or defeat."

After a half hour conference with Pres. Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers at Hotel Morrison yesterday, Gompers talked with newspaper men.

"I suppose this Chicago garment strike doesn't interest you," said one reporter.

"Why doesn't it? For what reason should I not be vitally interested. I'm always interested in people who are making a fight for better conditions. I could not take any other attitude than to say my heart is with them and I hope they win."

"If one-half the reports of police brutality are true it is manifest a terrible state of affairs exists," said Gompers. "It's a disgrace to Chicago, a crying disgrace."

"These strikers are labor people. They are wage earners. Their cause is the general cause. They fight for what we fight for. They are entitled to be treated by the police as human beings."

#### SOCIETY WOMAN BROUGHT INTO BOMB PLOT INQUIRY

New York, Dec. 8.—A New York society woman, whose identity was shielded by federal authorities, was brought into the government's investigation of the activities of Franz Von Rintelen, German agent, today. Federal authorities in charge of the grand jury bomb, arson and strike plot investigations today declared the state department had received from

the British government copies of the woman's letters to Von Rintelen denouncing this government for its attitude in the German-American situation. The woman, it was said, is wealthy, owning a home in New York and another at Newport.

The British government, federal authorities said, seized the letters from Von Rintelen when he was arrested on the liner Noordam as a spy.

#### MONTENEGRO, RUINED, WOULD ASK SEPARATE PEACE

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville.—King Nicholas of Montenegro suggested to entente ambassadors that Montenegro be allowed to conclude separate peace because she is exhausted.

London. — Newspaper Echo de Belge, published in Holland since the German occupation of Belgium, reported explosion wrecked Cogneles fort at Namur, killing 80 German soldiers.

Salonika.—After heavy bombardment of British line, Bulgars in Strumnitz a section attacked fiercely, but were repulsed.

Athens.—Two Greek officers are in conference with Anglo-French officials at Salonika regarding military facilities required by expeditionary forces.

Paris.—That England, against the wishes of her allies, favors withdrawal of expeditionary forces from the Balkans, strongly hinted following today's session of allies' war council.

Sofia, via Amsterdam.—"Our victorious troops continuing pursuit of French on both banks of Vardar," said official statement.

Athens.—Anglo-French heavy artillery has been inflicting heavy losses on Bulgarians in Strumnitz section in two days of heavy fighting. No cessation in battle for 48 hours.

Amsterdam.—Two German aeroplanes, maneuvering over Ellerbruck Monday night, collided at height of several hundred feet and dropped to earth, four occupants being killed.